Crossing The Appomattox River In 1915

Appomattox County . . . Yesterday And Today

by Paul Ghiotto

Appomattox County, created in 1845, is named after the river of the same name. The river, whose source is located within county boundaries, eventually empties its waters into the larger James River near Hopewell, Virginia. Appomattox River in turn is named after an Indian tribe which inhabited the region near modern day Hopewell and Petersburg.

Except for an artistic rendering on the County seal, no true picture exists today to reveal what a member of this tribe looked like. While even literary accounts are few in number the following passages from three different sources helps one in obtaining some knowledge of these historic, but extinct, people.

"Appomattoc. A tribe of the Powhatan confederacy formerly living on lower Appomattox R., Va. They had 60 warriors in 1608, and were of some importance as late as 1671, but were extinct by 1722. Their principal village, which bore the same name and was on the site of Bermuda Hundred, Prince George Co., was burned by the English in 1611. Appomattox was also one of the terms applied to the Matchotic, a later combination of remnants of the same confederacy." **Handbook of American Indians North of Mexico**, 1907. p. 70.

"The Appomatucks. This tribe lived on the river of that name, in Chesterfield County, and counted sixty warriors. Their wer-o-ance was Co-quo-na-sum. It was the Queen of this tribe who was appointed to bring Captain Smith water to wash his hands with, when he was carried captive before Powhatan. Their chief town was at Bermuda Hundred, near Petersburg. It was assaulted by Sir Thomas Dale in December, 1611, in revenge for some injuries done by them, and taken without the loss of a man. They were bitter enemies of the English, and were among those against whom Bacon conducted his campaign in 1676.

Over one of the small villages of this tribe ruled a sister of Co-quo-na-sum. In 1610 she lured fourteen of the English into her town, insisting upon their leaving their guns in the boat. The women were afraid of them, she said. The English was slaughtered to a man. In revenge, the town was burned, and many of the Indians slain. **The Conquest of Virginia: the Forest Primeval**. 1916. pp. 337-8.

"Appomattoc. Appamatucks, chief village of King Coquonasum was located until 1623 on Swift Creek, a tributary of the Appomattox River, about a mile above its mouth. Apamatuks (Smith) of Mattica (Tindall) was the chief village of Queen Oppussoquionske, sister of King Coquonasum. It was located on Bermuda Hundred point until it was destroyed about Christmas, 1611, by Sir Thomas Dale.

Appomattocks Indian Towne apparently became the chief village after the destruction in 1623 of King Coquonasum's village by Capt. Nathaniel West. It was located on Old Indian Towne Creek, the present Rohoic Run, and remained there until 1691. It was within a short distance of the site of Fort Henry, 1646-1676. Population about 250. **Indians of Seventeenth-Century Virginia**, 1957, p. 3.

New residents, as well as many of the thousands of annual visitors to this area, have often experienced difficulty in either pronouncing or spelling the word "Appomattox". They might possibly receive some consolation after reading the additonal ways in which the Indian name has been spelled by authors over the years: Apamatica (1626), Apamaticks (1701), Apamatuck (1848), Apamatuk (1629), Apomatock (1671), Appamatox (1722) Appamattocs (Jefferson notes, 1801), Appamattucks (1812), Appamattocks (1829), Appomatocks (1829), Appomatake (1643), Appomattuck (1728), and Appomotacks (1816). (Taken from **Handbook of American Indians North of Mexico**, 1907.)

The word, no matter how one pronounces or spells it, most often is defined as having some connection with dark tobacco.

No Appamattuck Indian probably ever visited the area to which his name would be given, but like General Lee, if he had an opportunity to visit today, he would discover a lot of things have changed - since yesterday.

LOOKING BACK . . .

1. "Reconstruction" Constitution passed by Va. legislative in 1867:
a.) Sumter b.) Hayden c.) Underwood d.) Brooks
2. Author of centennial county history:
a.) Calvin Robinson b.) Vera Stanley c.) C. W. Smith d.) N. J. Wright
3. Former location of a junior high school:
a.) Oakville b.) Reedy Spring c.) Beckham d.) Buck Hollow
4. Former name of old U. S. 60 route in county:
a.) Blue Star b.) Chas. T. Moses c.) Colonial Trail d.) U. S. 460
5. Second Liberty Loan Drive chairman in 1917:
a.) Annie Childers b.) Elsie Morgan c.) Amelia Sears d.) Eula May Burke

Answers:
1.) c 2.) c 3.) a 4.) e 5.) d

Gladstone

Mrs. Anne Carter, of Crewe, spent the week end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burke Smoot.

Mrs. Troy Harris and children have left to spend the summer months in Chesapeake, Va. where Mr. Harris is working.

Mrs. Burke Smoot and Mrs. Anne Carter visited Mrs. O. L. Brown on Monday. She is a patient at Ryans Nursing Home. Those who visited her on Sunday were Mrs. Margaret Quinn, Mrs. Bea Wallace, Mike Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. John Spiggle.

Mrs. Belle Mundy has returned home after spending several weeks as patient in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mrs. Willie Cyrus and Mike Mundy spent the week end in Manassas and attended the graduation of Mrs. Cyrus' nephew, Joey Watts. Karen and Clarence Watts returned with Mrs. Cyrus to spend the summer vacation months with their grandmother, Mrs. Belle Mundy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McDearmon of Appomattox, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harris on Sunday.

Mrs. Crawford Harris has returned home from Lynchburg General Hospital where she was a patient for several days. We are glad to know she is feeling better.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Luther Tyree last week. We extend deep sympathy to the family.

Those visiting Mrs. Mundy last week were Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Williams, Renee and Sheryl, Mrs. Bea Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. John Spiggle.

Mrs. Eddie Rothgeb and children, of Shipman, spent Tuesday in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. E. Akers.

The Gladstone Memorial Church will begin their Vacation Bible School Monday, June 25-27. This school will be 9-11 each day. We want to enroll each child and young person, age 3 through 17. We will have classes for all and special times of recreation for all. On Friday we will have a picnic to close out the school and the parents are invited to attend.

We urge everyone in the community to attend.

David Jobe, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Jobe has returned to VPI and SU to attend the summer courses at the college.

APPOMATTOX 4-H FORMS PIGEON CLUB

The newly formed 4-H Pigeon Club held its second meeting at the home of the club's leader, Mr. William Hansen of Concord. This club is open to any Appomattox youth interested in taking the pigeons as a 4-H project. The primary objectives of the club are to develop attributes of responsibility in these youngsters and to provide a means where parents and youth can be drawn closer through a project which they both can share.

Saturday's meeting consisted of a field trip to Mr. Hansen's pigeon roost and a study of the housing, equipment, and feed necessary to care for pigeons. Mr. Hansens owns approximately 100 racing pigeons. Information on the housing required for a pair of pigeons may be obtained from the County Extension Office or Mr. Hansen. Members of the club pictured from left to right are: Ricky Morris, Terry Dillard, Tyrone Bell, Billy Hansen, Angie White, Michael Rixey, Mr. William Hansen, Club leader, Steven Hamlette, Alonzo Dillard, Gerry Hansen, Chuck Cuneo and Kenneth Dillard.

Letter Home Brings Relief

Gene A. Mayhey

For two long months the parents of Gene A. Mayhew of Appomattox had not heard from their son . . . then, recently a letter home finally arrived, bringing relief to the parents and explaining the delay in not receiving a letter. Gene had been one of the Marines sent out to recover our ship "Mayaguez" that was captured by Cambodia. A copy of his letter follows:

"Dear Mom and Dad,

Will write and let you hear from me. Well, I'm doing fine, we've had a lot of excitement in the last two months. Well, we went to Vietnam for eight days. We lost two people then we went to the Phillippines for six days. I really like it there. Then we started to Cambodia. We got there in three days. The Navy and Air Force sank three ships. Then we went to a small island about 30 miles from Cambodia 2/9 was already there and they lost about 70% of the people. We went in to get the rest of them out and to take the island over. I lost one man in my gun team, Pete, a good friend of mine. Now we are back at Camp Fuji. We are going to Taipay for five days. When did you start getting the allotment?

We might get two ribbons. Well, that about does it on what has been going on here. How is Webb and you doing? How is the lot looking now? Has anything started to grow in the garden yet? I didn't get any mail until the 25th of May. Well, by the time you get this letter I'll have less than a year. Will close for now, can't think of anything to say.

Love, Gene

P.S. They wouldn't let us write."

NOTTOWAY YOUNG FARMERS HOST REGIONAL TOUR

NOTTOWAY, VA. - The Blackstone and Crewe - Burkeville Young Farmer Associations will be hosts to the annual Southside Area Young Farmer tour Friday, June 20.

Young Farmer members from fourteen counties will meet at Bradshaw's Restaurant in Burkeville at 9:00 a.m. and proceed in buses to the farms and industries to be visited.

The tour will include visits to the Ownlee Dairy Farm, the Holly Farms poultry facility, Paulett Brothers Farm and the Southside Research Station. The group will be guests of the Blackstone office of Fidelity National Bank during a picnic lunch.

Tommy Harper of Bedford, president of the area YF organization, will preside during the day-long activity. Arrangements for the tour were made by T.H. Jenkins and

SHE PAYS HER DEBTS!

A Columbus, Ohio, woman has cleared her conscience and, at the same time, contributed modestly to Virginia's financially troubled highway fund.

The mail this week brought an $6 money order to the State Department of Highways and Transportation, with an attached handwritten note addressed "to whom this may concern."

"I want to pay for fruit picked on the side of the highway when I was a young girl. I am enclosing $8 for the fruit. May God bless the state."

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For copies Write or Call: Stuart Farrar, P. O. Box 1142, Pamplin, Virginia 23958 - Telephone 248-5448.

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(D) Submit proposals for funding consideration by July 1, 1975
to J. A. Williams
A copy of this report, and supporting documents, are open for public scrutiny
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With heavy garlic it may be necessary to pass the wheat through the combine twice with proper adjustment for maximum cleaning.

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There are five materials that will control Poison Ivy. Amitrole; 2,4-D; 2,4, 5-T; 2,4-D + 2,4,5-T; or AMS (Ammonum Sulfamate).

This plant should be sprayed before seeds form.

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Orthene will probably be one of the popular tobacco insecticides because of its effectiveness on worms, but more important because of its safety factor. It is safer to use than Sevin.

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Several companies are manufacturing electric "drive thru" farm gates. Two fiber glass arms with suspended dangling electrified streamers are used to restrain livestock. To getting off the tractor to open or close gates. Better yet they sell for less than $65.00.

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Enrollment forms for the Dark Tobacco Recognition Program are coming in slow. Won't you pull these out and get them mailed in today?

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PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	1.42
This Month	3.66
This Year	32.31

Graduates Are Honored photo by Roger Davis

The graduates of Hebron Baptist Church were honored with a breakfast on June 1, 1975. Guest speaker was Mr. Barry Sauls of Appomattox.
Graduates, shown above, left to right,w ere Connie Gillaspie, ACHS; Sue Moore, ACHS; Gary Harris, ACHS; Rebecca Harris, Longwood College; and Julie Moore, ACHS. Not pictured were Clara Staten, Longwood College; Nancy Herndon, ACHS; and Ed Dike, Fort Union.

Stonewall

"I have planted . . . but God gave the increase." I Cor. 3:6

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Alvis, Jr., Mrs. J. P. Alvis, III and children went to Orange to visit the Matthews for week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Gillaspie and Connie and Karen went to Virginia Beach Wednesday and stayed until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roupe and family spent Sunday with his parents in Lynchburg.

The Bible School is being held at Hebron this week with a good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler, David and Tommy, of Appomattox, Mr. and Mrs. Hubie Gordon, of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jones, Kathy, Irby and Richard visited Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Elliott and children went to Winfall Sunday to visit his parents and took his father Mr. Cecil Elliott to the hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Hop Elliott visited them , too.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Judy, of Fincastle, spent the week end with her father, J. O. Davidson.

Rev. D. E. Moore returned Friday night from Miami, Fla., having attended the Baptist Convention.

Mrs. D. E. Moore had her sister, Miss Spence, to visit her for three weeks.

Mrs. Howlette Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas had all of their children home for Father's Day.

Mrs. Raddin and two children, from Richmond, are spending three weeks with them as her husband is in Paris, France for three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Russell, Bryant, and Bridgett, of Charlottesville, spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Tanner and had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas Sunday night.

Pamplin

Mr. A. L. Akers, Roanoke, will be present for the newly organized chapter of the A.A.R.P. sponsored by the Farmville Chapter, on June 26, 7 p.m. at the Pamplin United Methodist Church. Officers will be elected and the charter adopted.

Mr. Wallace Clair, Executive Director for Central Virginia Commission on Aging sponsored by Family Service of Central Virginia, Inc. will be present for the meeting, also Mr. W. A. Watson and Dr. Elmer Hassell of Farmville. All people interested in this area and adjoining counties are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dudley are visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dudley and Will, Blacksburg this week. Mr. Dudley is attending the State FFA Convention in Blacksburg.

Miss Rita Almond entered the WTTX contest last week and won AM & FM clock radio.

Mr. and Mrs. Junius G. Davis attended a reunion at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Tignor, Yorktown last week end. Other guest were her granddaughters, Mr. and Mrs. George Litner and six children of Minnesota; Mr. and Mrs. George Jenkins and two children of Newport News, Mrs. J. A. Hopkins, Hickory, N.C., their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bosta, Yorktown and many friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Young left last Monday for a visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Roth, Silver Springs, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adams have returned to their home in Topeka, Kansas after spending three weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adams.

Mrs. Woodrow Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Inge visited Mr. and Mrs. David Savitz, Salem last Sunday.

Congratulations to our students who graduated last week at Appomattox County High School. Among them were Debra Mason, Donna Motley, Phillip Rice, Hal Smith, Nancy Vanderveer, Pamela Williams, Joan Wright, Allen Austin, David Hix, Len Glover, Benny Crain, Gary Goin, Grace Ranson, Carla Varner and Donna Smith from William and Mary.

Mrs. Harry Williams and Mrs. Edward Harvey attended the Martin-Harris wedding last Saturday night at the Memorial United Methodist Church, Appomattox.

Named to Honor List

FERRUM, Va. - Two students from this area have been named to the spring semester Honor's List at Ferrum College.

Those making the Honors List are David R. Drinkard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fleming W. Drinkard, Appomattox.

Miss Emma Joe Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hamilton, Pamplin.

The Honors List at Ferrum is composed of students who have received grades of "B" or better in all their academic subjects for the semester and have an average of 3.0 or better out of a possible 4.0.

Ferrum is a co-educational, United Methodist-related college with an enrollment of about 1,200 students, and is located 35 miles southwest of Roanoke, Va. The college awards A.A. and A.S. degrees through its Junior College, and B.A. and B.S. degrees through its Senior Division in Human Services.

Jordan News

"Praise ye the Lord, Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints." Psalm 149:1

Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Preaching this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

Rev. Elliott and the Gospel Harmonettes will be with Rev. J. W. Paige at 3 p.m. at the Chestnut Grove Baptist in Amherst. The occasion is Rev. Paige's anniversary.

Prayer meeting - Wed., June 25, at 7:30 p.m.

The Harps of Zion will be celebrating their 3rd anniversary on the 5th Sunday night, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Many of your favorite groups will be appearing , so plan now to attend.

Rev. C. L. Elliott will celebrate his anniversary at the Jordan Baptist Church in July at 3 p.m. Rev. R. Q. Lawing will be our guest speaker.

On the second Sunday in July at 3 p.m. the Holiness Singers, the Gospel No-Names and the Heavenly Gospel Singers will be in concert at the Jordan Baptist Church.

There will be Senior Choir practice at 7:30 on Friday night. All members please be present.

Evergreen

Mrs. W. C. Garrett spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Paulette and family at Cullen, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Deadman of Petersburg, Mrs. Jessie Carnevile of Appomattox, and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with Mrs. Mott Harvey.

Mrs. C. H. McCall and Mrs. Ernest Jamerson, of Pamplin, visited Mrs. John Young Friday.

Nancy Carol and Gloria Gale Wooldridge, of Troy, Va., are spending this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wooldridge.

Rev. and Mrs. David Bailey, of Gadys, Va., visited Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham Sunday.

Mrs. J. Berkley Inge, of Secane, Penn., will arrive Saturday to spend several weeks with Mrs. J. A. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Randall Wooldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Enid Clapp and sons, of Richmond, spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Ruth Clapp.

Mrs. Doris Bean, of Richmond, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Clapp.

SENIOR FHA CHPATER RECEIVES OUTSTANDING AWARD

The Appomattox Senior Chapter of the Virginia Association, Future Homemakers of America, received the Outstanding Chapter Award June 10, 1975. This State award was the Annual Awards Day program at Appomattox High School.

There are 150 FHA Chapters in Virginia. Appomattox Junior FHA is one of the sixteen that received the Outstanding Chapter Awards.

Appomattox Junior Chapter received this award for accomplishments this year in working in the area of personal development.

Miss Carla Varner, president of the Appomattox Chapter, accepted the award.

Mrs. Madeline Thomas is chapter advisor and home economics teacher.

Teresa Cyrus, Reporter

...ers of America, received the Outstanding Chapter Award. This state award was announced at the annual awards day at Appomattox County High School.

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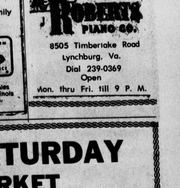

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